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**Thanks**

.. To those parents who supported our Taniwha Challenge team this week.

.. To those supporting our annual Trivia Night (this Saturday).

**People of the week**

.. Jethro - Player of the Day for his Marist team last weekend. Well done Jethro!

.. our debating team for winning this week's interschool debate.

.. Candidates in this week's International Schools Maths Exam.

.. Mr Delemare - our Trivia Master.

.. Jessi who showed real compassion this week to a friend who fell over in the playground.

**New Virtue - TRUTHFULNESS**

Please remember to discuss this material with your child, to re-visit it periodically and to advise us of special examples so we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

**Congratulations Rachael Robertson**

We are all very proud of the enormously talented designer and creator Rachael Robertson. She has won the "Overall Supreme Award" in the Northland Bernina Wearable Arts. Rachael's winning entries were a "Spectacle" dress, made entirely of spectacle lenses, and "Anzac Angel" - a creation which pays tribute to the Anzacs. Well done Rachael!

Matarau School was well represented. Grace Wiegiersma and sister Ester modelled a Puffer fish outfit. Ex pupil Brianna Williams designed a dress and modelled and Jessie Foote brought the house to a standstill with her winning entry in the Body Art Section.

**Coming up**

22 August

School Cross Country

29 August

Regional Science Fair starts

5 September

Book Week

6 September

Visiting Author

13 September

Kamo High School Enrolment Interviews (at Matarau School)

22 September

School Talent Show

23 September

Northland Cross Country

27 September

School Photos

7 October

Final day of term 3

### **School Cross Country - 22 August**

We hope you can spend a portion of our Cross Country day with us. For those new to the school this event is held on the farm opposite the school and the day breaks down roughly as follows..

(Note : approximate times only - Presentation at 2:30 PM : ages are at 1 January)

11/12/13 year old girls	11/12/13 year old boys	9/10 year old girls	9/10 year old boys
- 12:40	- 12:50	- 1:05	- 1:15
8 year old girls	8 year old boys	Year 3 girls	Year 3 boys
- 1:30	- 1:40	- 1:50	- 2:00
Year 2 girls	Year 2 boys	Year 0/1 girls	Year 0/1 boys
- 2:10	- 2:15	- 2:20	- 2:25

**Sponsors of this year's Cross Country are Matarau Electrical and Xtreme Shampoo.**

### **Whangarei Interschool Cross Country - Barge Park - 9 Sept**

Selection for this event will be based largely on performance at our school event. Consents are likely to be sent out next week for return a.s.a.p. please. Any questions please to Mr D.

### **Measles Epidemic**

The Ministry of Health has asked us to inform parents of an outbreak of measles in Auckland. This outbreak has the potential to spread. Parents are encouraged by the MoH to vaccinate their children. If you have not advised the school of the vaccination status of your child please give our office a call (or even if you are not sure and would simply like to check).

Further, the MoH advises as follows ..

#### ***People with measles must stay home***

*Any student with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events.*

### **School Lunches**

No school lunches on Monday due to cross country.

### **High School Interviews**

Please contact Matarau School Office if you would like an interview with KHS (13.9.11) or WGHS (17.8.11). Parents attending interviews are reminded to bring a completed enrolment form, a copy of your child's birth certificate, their most recent report, and evidence of residency. Any questions please to Mr D. (prospectuses for Excellere College are now available from school).

### **Calf Club Day 2011**

Calf Club Day this year will take place **28 October**.

Calves must be born after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs call Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz).

### **Lunchtime Tackle Rugby**

Great news - Mr D will now organise tackle rugby games (years 5 to 8) on most Wednesdays and Thursdays for the duration of the term. Please ensure children have a change of clothes and a mouthguard if they want to play.

### International Schools English and Maths Exams

Please return any outstanding practice papers (and answer booklets) next week so that we can use these in future years.

### Term Headlice Inspection

Children were re-checked this week. If you received notification of infestation (or suspected infestation) please respond to this promptly and certainly before return to school.

### Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2012

.. will likely be advertised 3 September with closing date 27 September (to be confirmed). **If you know of anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact our school office.** We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school.

### Invitation from the Virtues Club

The Virtues Club is keen to profile the talents of our students - many of which occur outside of school. If willing, we encourage children to bring along a photograph showing one such talent so we can put it on our talent board. We hope to have photo's pouring into the school next week. Please note you may not get your photos back.

### Guitar Lessons

Vacancies available on Thursday's and Friday's after school. Contact Vangie 0211883251, 4347573 or [killalea@ihug.co.nz](mailto:killalea@ihug.co.nz).



## **WE NEED YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES!**

As most of you will be aware we are compiling a School Community Cookbook and we would *love to feature your favourite recipes*. Simply email them or drop them off to the office, we will sort them from there. We would love to have these by September 30<sup>th</sup>, however the sooner the better. Thanks to those of you that have already sent in your Family Favourites.

### Community Notices

Free to a Good Home - 9 month old English Springer Spaniel x Black Labrador. Great temperament, very social, fully vaccinated and registered. Contact Helen on 4335823 or 4335512 ah.

Wanted - 2 Bobby calves to hand rear - not for Calf Club, Ph 4335565 ah.

Kamo Amateur Swim Club - Winter swimming is running now at the Maungatapere Valley Pool Centre. You can choose up to 4 times per week. If you would like your child/ren to get swim fit before summer think about joining KASC, cheaper than conventional swim lessons, club spirit and a pathway to swim competitively if you want to. Children must be able to swim 25 meters in both freestyle & backstroke and preferably be 8yrs or older. From early November there will be a choice to swim at the KHS Pool twice weekly & join in on race night fun. To find out more call Chris Sapwell on 433 5099 or see Helen in the school office.

Ruatangata Playcentre - has changed its session days. We are now open Tuesday and Friday 9.00am-12.00 noon. Come along and play with us, the first 3 sessions are free. For more information ph Robyn on 4335501.

Toolbox Parenting Groups is a six session, interactive, small group parenting programme which includes a one year subscription to Parenting magazine. Tailored for specific age groups, early years (0-6), middle years (6-12) or teenage (12+), these courses are run by trained facilitators. Using videos, manuals and discussion, parents are given skills and insights which they can apply to their own situations. Courses starting from 15th August. To register or for more information contact Debbie on 433 5040 or Jill on 437 3247 email [NorthlandTBX@ParentsInc.org.nz](mailto:NorthlandTBX@ParentsInc.org.nz).

Northland Sinfonia - presents a Mozart Concert including the Requiem with Whangarei choral Society and soloists, 28 August @ 3pm, Anglican Church. Tickets \$25 from Whangarei Suit Hire and door sales.

Whakapara Pony Club - If you have your own horse/pony or have an interest in horses then you are invited to come along to our Enrolment Rally to find out WHAT ??? Pony Club has to offer you., Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 10:00 - 12:00pm at our grounds Park Road, Hikurangi, (around behind the rugby fields). For further information contact Iris van Velsen Ph 4355653 Cell:0211561443 or - Angie Pringle Ph: 4338664 Cell: 0276973815

We have seen a number of cases of Scabies in the last two weeks. It spreads easily with skin to skin contact. The most common symptoms are a number of tiny mosquito-like "bites" which are usually quite itchy, generally around the hands, wrists and elbows. The "bites" will spread over time if not treated. Treatment is relatively simple and involves a cream that is applied over the whole body and left on overnight before being washed off the following day. If you would like help in identifying or treating scabies come down and see us at Davids Pharmacy right next to Save Mart.

### And Finally

What did the grape do when the elephant sat on it.? .. It let out a little wine.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Matarau School Raffle 2011**

Drawn today 19 August 2011 by Sgt Steve Duckmanton. The winners are as follows:



1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - Hampton & Mason "Impact Premium" 6 pce cookset (Valued \$399.99)	# 1705 Lee Burnett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - Kenwood Multi Function Hand Blender (Valued \$139.00)	#1636 Hank
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - Zip Elegance Electric Frying Pan (Valued \$119.99)	# 1122 M Mann
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize - Russell Hobbs Edinburgh Cordless Kettle (Valued \$99.99)	#0010 Shane Attwood

**1 Sleep  
To Go**

*Annual Trivia Night*  
*Fundraiser*  
**Saturday 20 August 2011**

Mr D. (Scotty) will be our fabulous quizmaster again this year  
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*Get your table groups together (4-6 people per team)*  
*Tickets are on sale at the office - \$20 per person*

This includes lots of fun and a light supper.  
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EFTPOS Available on the night.

**Get your family or friends together and dust off your thinking caps!!**  
**You could be surprised just what trivia you know!**

***Don't miss out on a fantastic night!!!***

Cave's Buses will be providing a bus for transport to and from the Matarau School Hall on the evening of the Trivia Night.

First pickup	Kamo Four Square	6.25pm
	Worsnop Rd	6.40pm
	Ruatangata Hall	6.45pm
	Ruatangata Garage	6.50pm
	Arrive at school	6.55pm

Depart 11.00pm

**If you are interested in catching the bus please advise the School Office  
before Friday afternoon. (Gold coin donation)**